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# A LETTER

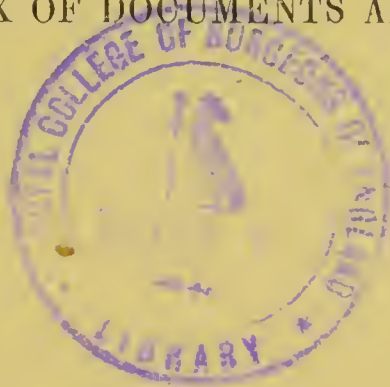
ADDRESSED TO

SIR JOHN BERNARD BURKE,

ULSTER KING-OF-ARMS OF ALL IRELAND.

WITH AN

APPENDIX OF DOCUMENTS AND NOTES.





## A LETTER, &c.

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SIR,

IN drawing up a pedigree for entry at the College of Arms in London, I have had occasion to refer to the article in your 'History of the Landed Gentry' on the lineage of Whatman of Vinters, county Kent, in order to ascertain something of the birth and parentage of Mrs. Susannah Elizabeth Philips, *née* Whatman, the wife of Richard Elliston Philips, Commissioner of Her Majesty's Customs for Scotland.

Instead of "Susannah Elizabeth," I found the Christian name of Mrs. Philips put down in the article as "Elizabeth Sarah." This mistake I at first attributed to an oversight merely, but on further examination, certain other statements in the article appearing to me inconsistent with what I had been accustomed to believe, I was led, in order to ascertain the real facts, to make a reference to original documents, and the following is the result of my investigations:—

It is well known that the Turkey Mills in the parish of Boxley, county Kent, have been long celebrated for the excellence of the paper manufactured there, and that the name of "Whatman" is therewith associated. How the Whatmans came into possession of the Mills is, however, not so well known. As the history of this bears on the history of paper-making in England, as well as on that of the Whatman family, it is worthy of being related.

Among the first paper mills in England were those set up

at Dartford, in Kent, by a German named Spilman, in the reign of Elizabeth, and continued afterwards by another member of the same family. (Appendix I.)

Towards the end of the seventeenth century, a Thomas Harris is, according to Dunkin, recognised in the Parish books of Dartford as the Successor to the Spilmans at the Paper Mills. And to Thomas Harris, a George Gill, ancestor of the Gylls, of Wyrardisbury Hall, county Bucks, appears to have succeeded.

On the decay of the clothing trade around Maidstone, about the end of the seventeenth century, Mr. George Gill purchased the fulling mills in the parish of Boxley, now called the Turkey Mills, and converted them into Paper Mills, where he long carried on a lucrative business. He left them to his son William, who eventually sold the property in 1730.

In Hasted's 'History of Kent,' it is stated that the Mills were purchased by Mr. James Whatman, but this was not the case. For after the Gills relinquished the business, we find the Paper Mills in the possession of a Richard Harris—whether of the same family as Thomas Harris, the successor of the Spilmans and predecessor of the Gills at Dartford, does not appear.

Richard Harris, before his death in 1740, had begun to pull down the old mill, called Turkey Mill, and, as appears from his will (Appendix II.), to erect new buildings in its place, which were intended for a Paper Mill.

The will of this Richard Harris is dated August 22, 1739, and it was proved on April 8, 1740. I have not discovered the record of his burial, but he probably died about the end of March, 1740. He was not buried at Boxley. (Appendix III.)

One of the Witnesses to the signature of Richard Harris is a James Whatman. This, it may be presumed—nay, it is probable—was the same James Whatman who married Mrs. Ann Harris, the Relict of Richard Harris, and thus succeeded to both the Bed and the Mill of that individual.

The marriage of James Whatman with the Widow of Richard Harris, Paper Maker, was contracted some time in 1740. I have not discovered the record of it (Appendix IV.) ; but as James, a son of the marriage, was baptized at Boxley, August 25, 1741 (Appendix V.), the marriage may have taken place about the end of October or beginning of November, 1740 ; that is, about seven months after the probable date of the death of Richard Harris, Mrs. Ann Whatman's first husband.

James Whatman, who, by this marriage, came into Richard Harris' property, was the only son of James Whatman of Loose, near Maidstone, Tanner, who died in 1725 (Appendix VI.); and his wife Mary, who died in 1726.

In Hasted's 'History of Kent,' it is, as already observed, erroneously stated that "Mr. Gill sold the Turkey Mills to Mr. James Whatman, who in 1739 pulled the whole of them down and began to erect them on a much more curious and extensive plan," &c.

Richard Harris and his proprietorship of the Boxley paper mills were here entirely ignored. But a more remarkable omission is made in the Whatman pedigree ; for it is there put down that James Whatman, in 1740, married "Mrs. Ann Harris," without any mention of her being the Relict of Richard Harris, or even that she was a Widow at all. For anything that is said to the contrary, "Mrs. Ann Harris" might have been a Spinster ; young ladies in those days fre-



quently receiving the style and title of "Mistress" before their Christian name.

Mr. James Whatman himself, however, did not, like Hasted, ignore Richard Harris as his predecessor in the Mills, nor, like you, pass him over unnoticed as the previous husband of his Wife, for in his Will (Appendix VII.) he recites that he had married the Widow of Richard Harris, and had got with her the Paper Mills.

In his Will again, Mr. Richard Harris, it will be observed, mentions an only child—a Daughter named Ann. Your article on the Whatman lineage is silent as to Miss Ann Harris, but not so the Will of her Stepfather, James Whatman (Appendix VII.), nor the Will of her half-brother, James Whatman (Appendix VIII.), from the latter of which it appears that she had married a Mr. Lobb.

This omission of all mention of the Harris family in your 'History of the Landed Gentry,' is no doubt attributable to some such accidental circumstance as that the *Harris notes* had by oversight not been put into the packet along with the others supplied to you for the compilation of the Article.

To continue, James Whatman, who married Mrs. Ann Harris, the widow of Richard Harris, mentions in his Will (Appendix VII.) a son James, and a daughter Susannah Elizabeth.

The son James (grandfather of the present Mr. James Whatman, of Vinters, F.R.S., and M.P. for Maidstone) was baptized August 25, 1741 (Appendix V.)

The baptism of the daughter, Susannah Elizabeth, does not occur in the Parish Register of Boxley (Appendix IX.). In that Register there is, under the date of August 24, 1747, an entry of the Baptism of Elizabeth Sarah D. of James What-

man and Anne his Wife (Appendix X.); but no such Daughter is mentioned in James Whatman's Will (Appendix VII.)

The question here suggests itself: Had "Elizabeth Sarah" died and was Susannah Elizabeth another daughter? or was Elizabeth Sarah one and the same person with Susannah Elizabeth?

In the Whatman pedigree in the 'Landed Gentry' it is, as I have before observed, stated that Elizabeth Sarah, daughter of James Whatman and his wife Ann, married Richard Elliston Philips, but that this is a mistake is proved by the Marriage Register of the Parish of Boxley (Appendix XI.), from which it appears that on the 13th of December, 1773, Richard Elliston Philips married a Susannah Elizabeth Whatman. From this it is evident that if the Miss Whatman who married Richard Elliston Philips was one and the same with the Elizabeth Sarah whose baptism is recorded in the Boxley Parish Register under the date of August 24, 1747, she was married under a name *not her own*.

The date of the Baptism of Elizabeth Sarah Whatman corresponds with the reputed age of Mrs. Susannah Elizabeth Philips (Appendix XII.) It cannot, however, be supposed that Mrs. Philips was baptized "Elizabeth Sarah," and had her name subsequently changed to "Susannah Elizabeth," and that, therefore, she was married under a name *not her own*.

Thus it is, that in the pedigree of the family of Philips which I have supplied to the Heralds' College, a complete account of the Birth and Parentage of the Susannah Elizabeth Whatman who married Richard Elliston Philips (Appendix XI.) cannot be given. All that can be stated is, that she was the Daughter of James Whatman of Boxley, in the county

of Kent, Paper Maker. The dates of her Birth and Baptism remain a question, and consequently it remains a question whether the said "Susannah Elizabeth" was the daughter of James Whatman by his Wife Ann, the Relict of Richard Harris, or by a previous wife. The expression in James Whatman's Will of "Ann my now wife" appears to indicate that he had been married before.

Having thus reviewed the less ancient part of the Whatman genealogy, a few words require still to be devoted to what may be designated a more ancient part, which stands thus:—

"In 1626 Thomas Whatman, Esq., was Recorder of Chichester and a Bencher of the Inner Temple. He married Cicely, daughter and Co-heir of John Sackville of Dorking and Blechingly, Cousin of the first Earl of Dorset by Anne, daughter and Heir of William Harvey, Esquire, Clarenceux King of Arms, and left issue:—Anne, married to Robert Dering of Charing; Katherine, married to Thomas Marshall of Michelliam, county Sussex; and Mary, married to the Rev. Thomas Russell, Rector of St. John's, Lewes; and two sons, Thomas and Edward, then *unmarried*.

"*From them descended (!) Henry Whatman of Maiden Bradley, county Wilts, who died in 1708; Hannah, Wife of Henry Ludlow, Esq., of the Middle Temple; Phillis, Mrs. Bernard; and James Whatman, only son of James Whatman (who died in 1725) by Mary his Wife (who died the following year).*"

In regard to the statements here quoted, it is to be observed that the name of the Recorder of Chichester from 1623 to 1640 was, according to Dallaway's 'History of Chichester,' "Thomas Whetham," and according to Dugdale, there is no



record of the Benchers of the Inner Temple for a period within which the year 1626 is embraced.

Inquiries at Chichester have not supplied me with any information respecting the name of the Recorder of that city in 1626.

From the Calendar of State Papers, however, I find that a Thomas Whatman was, in 1626, removed from the Recorder-ship of Chichester for certain misdemeanours (Appendix XIII.); and, according to Dugdale, there was a Reader of the Inner Temple, Anno ij<sup>o</sup> Jacobi, of the name of Thomas Watman.

This Thomas Watman and Thomas Whatman, the deposed Recorder of Chichester, were probably one and the same person. But the question presents itself: What evidence is there that James Whatman of Loose, the Tanner, who died in 1725, was descended from him?

As no attempt is made in your article under notice to show that Thomas and Edward, the sons of Thomas Whatman, the Recorder, were afterwards married and had issue, it might be concluded that the male line of the said Thomas Whatman ended with them.

But assuming that they were afterwards married and had issue, nothing is adduced to support in any way whatever, the assertion that James Whatman, of Loose, county Kent, Tanner, who died in 1725, was descended from either of them. As to who the Father or Grandfather of this James Whatman was, the pedigree in the 'Landed Gentry' is silent.

The leap from the Recorder of Chichester to the Tanner of Loose you may have made for the sake of brevity, though not much room would have been occupied in giving the details of the descent; seeing that James Whatman of

Loose, the Tanner, who died in 1725, if descended from Thomas Whatman, the Recorder of Chichester, at all, could only have been the grandson of one or other of his two sons.

Your parenthetical mode of mentioning James Whatman, of Loose, the Tanner, who died in 1725, in the portion of the pedigree above quoted, may here be noticed for its peculiarity, viz.,—"From them descended \* \* \* James Whatman, only son of James Whatman (who died in 1725) by Mary his Wife (who died the following year)."

Of course, if James Whatman, the "only son," was so descended, James Whatman, the Father of that son, must, *à fortiori*, have been so descended.

Henry Whatman of Maiden Bradley, county Wilts, who died in 1708 at a very advanced age, it may be observed, might have been descended from Thomas Whatman, the Recorder of Chichester (Appendix XIV.), but there is no proof that I can find that such was the case. And, certainly, there is nowhere the slightest indication of any relationship between the family of Henry Whatman of Maiden Bradley and that of James Whatman of Loose, Tanner, who died in 1725. (Appendix XV.)

This James Whatman of Loose, county Kent, Tanner, the Grandfather of Mrs. Susannah Elizabeth Philips, *née* Whatman, thus appears to be really the first true ancestor of that Lady adduced in the Whatman "Lineage" in the 'Landed Gentry.'

Whether the Tanner of Loose or his son the Paper Maker of Boxley (successor of Richard Harris) used armorial bearings, I do not know; but I find that Mr. Richard Elliston Philips used a seal with his own arms (that of the London and Buckinghamshire Philippses, viz., Or, a lion rampant sable, ducally gorged and chained, or) impaling a shield with parti per pale or and sable, a Pheon counter-changed.

This I find to be the coat given by you in your 'Landed Gentry' and 'Heraldic Illustrations' as that of Whatman of Vinters. But there is, I understand, no authority for the attribution, as there is no grant of Arms to that family in the Heralds' College, and nothing, in fact, of the name of Whatman at all in their Books (Appendix XV.)

I cannot conceive, therefore, how it was that Mr. R. E. Philips, who would have been the last man to make any unwarranted pretension, should have so unadvisedly impaled with his own arms a shield assumed by his wife's family without authority.

To conclude :—

You introduce your account of the Lineage of the Whatman family with the following archæological sketch :—

"Whateman or Hwateman is a Saxon family of the weald of Kent, and their Saxon name is but little changed by the more modern orthography. Subsequently they were amongst the independent yeomen of Kent, and remained until the sixteenth century near Romney and Hawkhurst, in both of which they had good property, and left much of the land to monasteries."\*

The meaning of these words appears to be, that the name

\* In another work of yours, entitled 'A Visitation of the Seats and Arms of the Noblemen and Gentlemen of Great Britain and Ireland,' Second Series, 1855, we read at page 153 as follows :—"VINTERS, in the Co. of Kent, about one mile from Maidstone, the seat of James Whatman, Esq., a descendant of the old Saxon family of Hwateman. The difference of orthography in the ancient and modern name arises solely from the changes produced by time in the original stock of the English language."

Mr. Edward Walford, also, in his 'County Families,' (3rd Edition, 1865), expresses himself to the same effect, viz :—"Whatman of Vinters. This family date from the Saxon time, being found under the name of Hwateman in Kent and Sussex, where they have continued as freeholders."

Whatman, under its various modifications of spelling, is Saxon; that before Henry VIII. there were people of the name in Kent; that some of them were wealthy yeomen and, being good Catholics, made bequests of lands to monasteries.

It has been pointed out already that the descent of Mrs. Susannah Elizabeth Philips, *née* Whatman, cannot be traced further back than to her grandfather, James Whatman of Loose, the Tanner, who died in 1725. Who the Father or Grandfather of this person was, remains undetermined; but your archæological sketch, just quoted, would seem to suggest, on what grounds does not appear, that they were the descendants of some one of the pious yeomen you refer to. (Appendix XVI.)

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,

T. WHARTON JONES.

35, George Street, Hanover Square, W.

January, 1867.



## APPENDIX.

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### I.

Dartford. "In the sixteenth century, Sir John Spilman, a German, introduced at this place the process of paper making, the importance of which is recorded by a splendid monument to his memory now restored, beautified, and placed prominently in the chancel of the parish church." See Post Office Directory for Kent.—See also Thorpe's 'Registrum Roffense.'

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### II.

*Will of Richard Harris, of Boxley, in the County of Kent, Paper Maker.*

*Extracted from the District Registry of Her Majesty's Court of Probate at Canterbury. In the Archidiaconal Court.*

In the Name of God Amen

I Richard Harris of Boxley in the Co. of Kent Paper Maker being (praised be God) of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and declare this my last Will & Testament in Writing as follows (viz) First and principally I commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping for Eternal Salvation through the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour And as to the disposition of my Worldly Estate I do hereby give and devise unto my loving Wife Ann Harris and to her heirs for Ever all that new built Messuage or Tenement wherein I now dwell and the building intended for a paper Mill at or near the place where the Old Mill was which was called Turkey Mill and all other the buildings near thereto adjoining and all the lands thereto belonging with



the appurtenances Situate lying and being in the several parishes of Maidstone and Boxley and all other my lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever To hold to my said Wife and to her heirs & assigns for ever she maintaining educating and bringing up my Daughter Ann Harris until she shall attain to her age of Twenty one years And also paying to my said Daughter the sum of Two hundred pounds at her said age of Twenty one years in case she shall so long live And I do hereby charge my said Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments with the maintenance & education of my said Daughter and with the payment of the said sum of two hundred pounds accordingly And in case my said Wife shall happen to die or shall be married again before my said Daughter shall attain her said age of Twenty one years then I do hereby give to my said Daughter for her maintenance and Education until she shall attain her said age one annuity or yearly Rent charge of Twenty pounds to be issuing payable and going out of my said messuages Lands & Hereditaments by equal half yearly payments viz at Ladyday and Michās day the first payment thereof to begin and to be made on the first of the said days as shall happen next after my said Wife's death or second marriage with full power and authority to enter and distrain for the same In ease and as often as any part thereof shall be behind and unpaid by the space of Twenty one days next after any or either of the days whereon the same ought to be paid as aforesaid Also all and singular my goods Chattels ready money Debts and all other my personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever after payment of my Debts and funeral expenses (with the payment of which I do hereby charge my said real as well as personal estate) I do hereby give and bequeath unto my said Wife whom I do hereby make & appoint full & sole Exceutrix of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof to the first sheet of this my Will contained in two sheets of Paper I have set my hand and to this second or other sheet my hand and seal this two and twentieth day of August In the thirteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Graee of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith And in the year of our Lord Christ One thousand seven hundred and thirty nine—Richard Harris—Signed Sealed published and Declared by the above named Richard Harris as and for his last Will and Testament in the presenee of us who have subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presenee of the said Testator

Ja' Whatman—John Whitfield—Sam' Fullagar

Proved the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1740 by the Oath of Anne Harris Widow the Reliet the sole Exceutrix to whom Administration was granted

III.

The Burial of Richard Harris (whose will was dated August 22nd, 1739 and proved in the Archidiaconal Court of Canterbury, April 8th, 1740) is not recorded in the Burial Register of Boxley, as appears from a letter dated September 25th, 1866, from the Rev. F. J. Richards, Vicar of Boxley.

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IV.

The Marriage of James Whatman and Ann Harris, Widow (the Relict of Richard Harris, of Boxley, in the County of Kent, Paper Maker), is not recorded in the Marriage Register of Boxley, as appears by a letter dated September 25th, 1866, from the Rev. F. J. Richards, Vicar of the Parish.

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V.

1741 Baptised

August 25 James son of James Whatman and Anne his Wife.

I certify the above to be a correct copy from the Register of Baptisms in the Parish of Boxley, County Kent, taken this twenty-seventh day of September 1866 by me

(Signed)

FRED. J. RICHARDS, Vicar.

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## VI.

*Will of James Whatman, of the Parish of Loose, in the County of Kent,  
Tanner.*

*Extracted from the District Registry of H. M.'s Court of Probate at  
Canterbury. In the Archidiaconal Court.*

In the name of God Amen I James Whatman of the Parish of Loose in the Co. of Kent Tanner being well in Body and of Good and perfect *sence* [*sic*] Memory and Understanding thank be to Almighty God for the same and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and that all Flesh must yield to death when it shall please God to call and being desirous to settle & dispose of that Estate and worldly goods with which it hath pleased God to bless me do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul into the hands of God my Creator Redeemer and Sanetifier looking for the merey of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life And my Body I commit to the Earth from whence it came to be decently interred in such Christian manner as my *Executitors* [*sic*] hereafter named shall see *meate* [*sic*] and convenient Imprimis I give & bequeath unto my dear and loving Wife Mary Whatman all that house or home stall in the Parish of Loose in the County of Kent in which I now dwell with all the Appurtenances there unto belonging and also one messuage or Tenement lying or being in the Parish of Marden in the Co. of Kent afore-said now in the ocupation of John Botkett with all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging during her natural life and after her decease I give and bequeath the above said estate messuages and Tenements in the Parishes of Loose and Marden with all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging to my dear & only son James Whatman and to the heirs of his Body lawfully begotten for ever And if it shall please God that my son James Whatman dye before he arives at the age of One & twenty years or without heirs lawfully begotten of his one Body then I give and bequeath my *patarnall* [*sic*] Estate that is to say my Stock in trade ready money & Securitys for money that shall be found at the time of my decease to my Niece Lidia Catt Widow late Wife of John Catt of Yalding deceased and to her heirs now in being for ever paying Six hundred pound ought of the said *partinall* [*sic*] Estate as follows two hundred pounds to my former Servant and Kinsman Robert Peene and two hundred pounds to my Kinsman James Casstreat Son of James Casstreat my Brother in Law & two hundred pound to my Brother in Law William Harriss of good and lawfull money of Gt. Britain during

his natural life and after his decease I give and bequeath One hundred and fifty pound of the said two hundred to his son Thomas Harris and his heirs for ever and the other fifty pounds of the said two hundred I give to his Daughter Lidea Harris and her heirs for ever Item I give and bequeath unto my Neice Lidea Catt Widow late Wife of John Catt of Yalding deceased that Messuage or Tenement lying and being in Well Street in the Parish of Loose in the County of Kent aforesaid after my decease and to her heirs now in being for ever Item I give unto my Nephew James Castreat son of my Brother in Law James Castreat the sum of Five pound And likewise I give unto my Kinsman Robert Peene five pound of good and lawfull money of Great Britain to be paid within three Months after my Decease by my Exceutionrs hereafter mentioned desiring the said Robert Peene and James Castreat as Trustees to aid and assist my dear and loveing Wife and my dear & only Son Marey and James Whatman in the Exceution of this my last Will and Testament And Lastly I appoint make ordaine and constitute my dear and loving Wife Marey Whatman & my dear and only Son James Whatman hole and Sole *Exceutionres* [*sic*] of this my last Will and Testament paying my debts and funeral charges In witness whereof I the said James Whatman have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of November in the Eighth year of our Sovereign Lord George King of Great Britain and Anno Domini 1721 James Whatman Signed Sealed and Published by the said James Whatman to be his last Will & Testament in the presenee of Tho<sup>r</sup> Burren William Bodkin John Hillier.

Proved the 25th day of October 1725 by the Oath of James Whatman the Son one of the Exceutors to whom Administration was granted Power reserved of making the like grant to Mary Whatman Widow the Relict the other Exceutor.

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VII.

*Extract from the Will of James Whatman, of Boxley, in the County of Kent, Paper Maker.*

*Extracted from the Principal Registry of Her Majesty's Court of Probate.*

In the P. Ct. of Canterbury—

In the Will of James Whatman which bears date 9th June 1759 is as follows

In the name of God Amen I James Whatman of Boxley in the County of Kent Paper Maker being (praised be God) of sound and



disposing mind and memory Do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in writing and after committing my Soul to God Do give and dispose of that worldly Estate wherewith he hath been pleased to bless me as follows viz Whereas at the time of my Marriage with Ann my now Wife who was the Widow of Richard Harris deceased She the said Ann was seized of and intituled under the Will of her said late husband to the equity of Redemption freehold and Inheritance of and in the six messuages or tenements with the Gardens Lands and Appurtenances thereunto belonging commonly ealled the Square in the several parishes of Maidstone in the said County & Boxley aforesaid And also of and in all that Messuage or Tenement and the paper Mills commonly called Turkey Mills with the Stable Outhouses Garden Orchard and Lands thereunto belonging in the parish of Boxley aforesaid subject to a term of One thousand years which was vested in Richard Brooke and William Short for securing the payment to them of two thousand pounds & Interest In trust for James Brooke Esquire who sold and conveyed the said premises to the said Richard Harris and his heirs charged and chargeable as aforesaid and the said Richard Harris did in and by his said Will charge the aforesaid Messuages lands and premises with the payment of two hundred pounds to his Daughter Ann Harris and Whereas on our said Marriage the said Messuages Mills Lands and premises were conveyed and settled subject to the said several charges To the use of me and my said Wife during our joint lives and from and after the decease of either of us Then to the use of the Survivor of us and the heirs and assigns of such survivor for ever I do hereby as far as in me lies ratify and confirm the said Settlement and devise the said Messuages Mills Lands and premises to my said Wife her heirs & assigns for ever And whereas I have since advanced and paid the said sum of Two thousand pounds & the said term of One thousand years hath been assigned In trust for me my Executors Administrators or Assigns to be disposed of as I should direct and appoint Now I do hereby give and bequeath the said sum of Two thousand pounds unto my Daughter Susannah Elizabeth Whatman and I do direct and appoint that the said term of One thousand years shall and may be assigned by way of Mortgage for the raising the said sum of Two thousand pounds for my said Daughter accordingly And I do hereby make and appoint my said Wife Guardian to my said Daughter during her minority And my mind and will is that my said Wife shall be accountable for Interest of the said sum of Two thousand pounds at the rate of Four p. cent and no more until the same shall be raised out of which she my said Wife shall and may deduct for the Board Cloths & Education of my said Daughter during her minority Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter in law Ann



Harris the sum of Eighteen hundred pounds over and above the said sum of Two hundred pounds charged on the said Messuages Mills Lands and premises by the Will of her said late Father as aforesaid the said sum of Eighteen hundred pounds to be paid to her by my Executrix out of my personal Estate within one year next after my decease Also I give and devise unto my Son James Whatman and his heirs for ever All my lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever in possession reversion remainder or expectaney Also I give and bequeath unto my said Son James Whatman the sum of One thousand pounds at his Age of twenty three years.

Proved at London 4th July 1759 before the Judge by the Oath of Ann Whatman Widow the relict of the deceased and Sole Executrix, &c.

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VIII.

*The first Codicil to the Will dated 6th March, 1798, of James Whatman, late of Vinters, in the Parish of Boxley, in the County of Kent, Esquire.*

*Extracted from the Principal Registry of Her Majesty's Court of Probate. In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.*

The first Codicil to the Will dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 1798 of James Whatman late of Vinter's in the Parish of Boxley in the County of Kent Esquire deceased, is as follows:—

I have this week written Wills and Codicils without number But shall leave everything as before intended my Mind being too unsettled to make alterations my Will was executed the 6<sup>th</sup> Inst. and is in the hands of Will<sup>m</sup> Bosanquet Esq<sup>r</sup> to my Sister Sus: Eliz: Philips I give one hundred pounds and should she outlive her husband I do direct from such Event she shall receive an annuity of one hundred pounds per Ann<sup>m</sup> during the term of her life to my half Sister Anne Lobb I give fifty pounds and an Annuity of fifty pounds p. Ann<sup>m</sup> to be paid to her separate use during the term of her life to M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Balston I Give one hundred pounds as a small token of my regard for him I do hereby charge my personal Estate with the payment of these sums and Annuities

JAMES WHATMAN  
Vinters 17<sup>th</sup> March  
1798

The Will with two Codicils was proved at London the 7th April, 1798.

IX.

In a letter dated September 27th, 1866, the Rev. Fred. J. Richards, Vicar of Boxley, states that the Baptism of Susanna Elizabeth Whatman does *not* appear in the Parish Register in 1748, but that he found Elizabeth Sarah, 1747.

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X.

1747 Aug<sup>r</sup> 24. Elizabeth Sarah D of James Whatman and Anne his Wife

I certify the above to be a correct copy from the Register of Baptisms in the Parish of Boxley, County Kent, taken this twenty-seventh day of September, 1866, by me,

(Signed) FRED. J. RICHARDS,  
Vicar.

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XI.

(The Year 1773)

Richard Elliston Philips of Edinburgh in Scotland B: and Susanna Elizabeth Whatman of this Parish Spinster Married in this Church by Licence this Thirteenth Day of December in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Three by me GEO : BURVILL

(Curate)

This Marriage was solemnised between Us

R E PHILIPS  
SUS ELIZ WHATMAN

In the Presence of

JAMES WHATMAN  
EDMUND ALEXANDER

I certify the above to be a correct Copy from the Register of Marriages in this Parish of Boxley, County Kent, taken this twenty-seventh day of September, A.D. 1866, by me,

(Signed) FRED. J. RICHARDS,  
Vicar of Boxley.

## XII.

The following is a copy of the entry of Mrs. Susannah Elizabeth Philips' death and burial by her husband's nephew, in his Family Bible :—

“Susannah Elizabeth Whatman widow of R. E. Philips Esq' late Commissioner of Customs for Scotland, died at St. John's Street in the Canongate of Edinburgh the 26<sup>th</sup> January 1820 at 5 oClock A.M. aged 72 years, and was buried in the Canongate Church yard the 5<sup>th</sup> February following, in the late Commissioner Smith's\* Burial ground, beside her Husband,—RICH<sup>d</sup> JONES.”

## XIII.

The following are extracts from the Calendar of State Papers—Domestic Series—Charles I.

1626.

August.—Petition of Thomas Whatman to the Council :—The Mayor of Chichester and Alderman Henry Chitty received the order of the Council for Whatman's restoration to his office of Recorder of that City with contempt; prays they may be sent for to answer the same.

August.—Deposition of Peter Cox as to the conduct of the Mayor of Chichester and Alderman Chitty above mentioned.

Sept. 12. — Answer of George Greene, Mayor of Chichester, and Alderman Chitty to the charges of contempt brought against them by Thomas Whatman.

Sept. 12.—Deposition of John Pannett as to the conduct of the Mayor of Chichester and Alderman Chitty.

Sept. 12.—Misdemeanours for which Thomas Whatman was removed from the Recordership of Chichester.

Sept. 12.—Answer of Thomas Whatman to the charges against him.

Sept. 12.—Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of Chichester to the Council :—Pray for a speedy hearing of the cause between them and Thomas Whatman.

\* The Commissioner Smith here mentioned is better known as Dr. Adam Smith, author of the 'Wealth of Nations.'

Nov. 3.—Petition of George Greene, Mayor of Chichester, to the Council. The Lords having freed him from the charge of contempt, he prays that Thomas Whatman may be directed to pay the Messenger's charges.

Nov. 3.—Charges of the same George Greene for riding post from Chichester, himself, man and guide, to London on His Majesty's Service, total £6 6s. 8*d*.

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#### XIV.

In his will (proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in 1708) Henry Whatman, of Maiden Bradley, designates Henry Ludlow, Esq., of the Middle Temple, as his *Kinsman*, and Mrs. Hannah Ludlow as his *Kinswoman*, which they might have been without any Whatman descent. It is only Mrs. Bernard he designates his *Sister*. If, therefore, the account of the Maiden Bradley family quoted at page 8, from the 'Landed Gentry,' be drawn, as it appears to be, from the will of Henry Whatman, it goes further than the expressions in that document warrant.

Hoare, in his 'History of Wiltshire,' says:—

"We find the following names of persons who were styled *Generosi*, in the register of Maiden Bradley at Salisbury:—"

One of the names given is:—"1628 Thomas Whatman, Gent."

This might have been the Reeorder of Chichester.

The Thomas Whattman of the following Administration might have been Thomas, one of the Sons of the said Reeorder, and Father of Henry Whatman, of Maiden Bradley, who died in 1708.

1655. Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

July. Administration granted to Margaret Whattman, Relict of Thomas Whattman late of Mayden Bradley, Co. Wilts.

Besides the Calendars of Wills of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury for the 17th century, I have searched those of Chichester, Lewes, and Salisbury, without discovering any will relating to Thomas Whatman, the Reeorder of Chichester, or his Sons.



## XV.

In the 'History of Kent,' by John Harris, D.D. and F.R.S., 1719, there is, at the end, a list of Kent names with their Arms. In this list the following occurs :—

WHETMAN\*. Parti per pale or and sable a Pheon counter changed.

In Burke's 'Encyclopædia of Heraldry or General Armory,' 3rd Edition, London, 1847, the following article occurs :—

"WHATMAN (Maiden Bradley, Co. Wilts ; descended from the marriage about the year 1610 of Thomas Whatman of Chichester Esq., with Cicely, dau. and Coheir of Thomas Sackville of Dorking and Bleaching-legh, Co. Surrey, Esq. Second Cousin of Thomas first Earl of Dorset). Quarterly, First and Fourth, per pale or and sa. a pheon counter changed for WHATMAN ; Second and Third, quarterly, or and gu. over all a bend vair, for SACKVILLE."

In the preceding note (XIV.), it is seen that but little has been ascertained of the Whatmans of Maiden Bradley, and, in the work just quoted, there is no reference to any document to show that they ever used such a Coat of Arms.

I have examined with great care the arms on the seal attached to the original will of Henry Whatman of Maiden Bradley proved in the P. C. of Canterbury in 1708. There are four quarterings, but what they are cannot positively be made out as the impression is not good. It is evident, however, that there is neither a pheon nor a bend vair on any of the quarterings.

The seal attached to wills is not always the seal of the testator and, therefore, the seal attached to the original will of Henry Whatman may not have been his.

However this may be, it is seen that in the article quoted, no claim is made of a descent from Thomas Whatman of Chichester and his Wife Cicely daughter and Co-heir of Thos. Sackville 2nd Cousin (in the 'Landed Gentry' it is put down John Sackville, Cousin) of the 1st Earl of Dorset, for the Whatmans of Maidstone, or of Hawkhurst and Romney, Co. Kent. Nor is there any such claim in the two following articles relating to these Whatmans :—

"WATMAN OR WHATMAN (Maidstone, Co. Kent). Per pale, or and sa., a pheon counter changed. *Crest*.—A demi lion couped, holding in the paws a pheon."

"WHATMAN (Hawkhurst and Romney, Co. Kent). Per pale or and sa. a pheon counter changed."

\* Not Whatman !



## XVI.

The most considerable person of the name of Whatman in Kent in the 17th Century was Arthur Whatman of Ospringe, Esq., whose will was proved in 1674. He describes himself as a member of the "Haberdashers' Company," and as being 83 years old. He left legacies to all his friends and also to "poor distressed Presbyterian Ministers." He mentions, among other relations, his Cousin William Whatman of Boxley the Son of John Whatman.

In the Calendars in the Principal Registry at Doctors' Commons, I have found under the year 1647 the will of a John Whateman of Salehurst, Co. Sussex, Yeoman, and under the year 1666, one of a Maria Whatman of the same place.

In the Calendars of the Registry of the Archdeaconry of Lewes, I have found from the year 1675 to 1715 inclusive six wills and two administrations of persons of the name of Whatman.

From this it appears that the name was not uncommon in East Sussex. There, the most considerable family of the name appears to have been the Whatmans of Salehurst.

In the Whatman pedigree in the 'Landed Gentry,' no claim of relationship is made on behalf of James Whatman of Loose, Tanner, who died in 1725, the Grandfather, or his "only son" James Whatman of Boxley, Paper Maker, the father of Mrs. Susannah Elizabeth Philips, to any of the Whatmans above mentioned, nor to Thomas Whatman, Bricklayer, whose will was proved at Chichester about 1628-30, nor to James Whatman of Harwich, Merchant Tailor, whose will was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in 1659, nor to William Whatman of Merstham, Co. Surrey, Blacksmith, whose will was proved in the same Court in 1660, nor to William Whatman of Hawkhurst, Co. Kent, a grant of administration to whose Relict Mary Whatman was made in the same Court in 1693; though all these worthy people may have been descendants of the "old Saxon family of Hwateman." (*Supra*, p. 11.)